

MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES: May 11, 2026 @ 5:15 PM, Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

Board Members Present: Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Jamie Golladay, Karin Edwards, Harold Pettigrew, Christina Krost, Greg Ray

Board Members Absent: Jacob Kimery, Phyllis Karpus

Staff Present: Carl Walworth

Consent Agenda: Motion by Righter, second by Krost, to approve consent agenda, which consists of April meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. Motion carried. Director Walworth noted bills include \$19,180.81 to Farnsworth Group representing 80 percent completion of building assessment agreement approved by the board in February.

Introductions:

Staff members Devin Craig and Vaughn Prince were introduced to the board.

Action items:

1. Motion by Righter, second by Golladay to approve non resident card for 2026-2027 with fee of \$80 per household.
2. Motion by Righter second by Edwards to approve policy on volunteers as presented and rescind existing volunteer policy
3. Motion by Righter second by Edwards to delete organizational chart from policy list.

Discussion item

The board discussed the building assessment report prepared by the Farnsworth Group. The consensus was for the next step to be a discussion with Scott Burge of the Farnsworth Group at the June meeting.

Program Report:

The recent DoArt program, language tables now including French and field trip by out of district class from Okaw Valley were among items highlighted. Summer Read programs are set to begin in early June.

Director's Report:

Director Walworth reported progress on new website development including prototype that has been shared with the board. Walworth noted action plans based on building and access standards developed by the Illinois Library Association were in the packet. Walworth highlighted preliminary, unaudited financials for 2025-2026 show revenue over expense and significant contributions.

The sixth annual bicycle ride around Mattoon is set for June 6. History center curator Chris Suerdieck was named Mattoon Citizen of the Year. He also received a certificate of excellence from the Illinois State Historical Society. Walworth and Huddleston are scheduled to meet with a potential new board member in late May.

Adjournment: Motion by Ray, second by Pettigrew to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried.

